

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 JULY 2018

Present: Councillors Webb (Chair), Charman, Davies (Vice-Chair), Barnett, Beaney, Berelson, Cox, Evans, Foster and O'Callaghan, the duly appointed substitute for Councillor Battley

Apologies for absence were noted for Councillor Battley and Councillor Rankin

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

31. UPDATE ON 2017-18 WORK PROGRAMME AND OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2018-19 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager updated the committee on progress with the 2017/18 overview and scrutiny work programme, reporting that the bulk of the programme had been completed as planned.

The committee noted the interim report on Education and conveyed that they were keen to continue their focus on Education into the 2018/19 programme. They also confirmed in response to the interim report, that Councillor Rankin would represent the Overview and Scrutiny committee, working with the Deputy Leader of the Council to facilitate the quarterly Opportunities Areas briefings, to be scheduled quarterly for Councillors across the year.

The committee considered prospective ideas for the 2018/19 work programme. Scrutiny Steering Group (SSG) had met recently to prioritise the ideas received. Councillor leads and subgroups members were identified in relation to the ideas proposed for quarters one and two.

Councillors decided to refine their focus during and up until the quarter one review meeting prioritising the following:

- A 'Meet the Leader session' to consider progress in terms of the Council's transformation intentions led by Councillor Davies.
- To refine lines of inquiry for a review of the Council's regeneration functions led by Cllr Barnett.
- To identify lines of inquiry for Education review work for 2018/19 based on the recommendations of the interim report on Education led by Councillor Rankin.
- To submit a Scrutiny consultation response on the Bohemia Area by the 24/09/18 led by Councillor Davies.

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Committee Members also agreed that the following updates and potential review areas be moved to quarter two: Reviewing Online Services, Housing licensing and post licencing enforcement, Community safety and Warden arrangements, updates on specific external funding programmes.

These work areas would be in addition to the existing commitments and subgroups for quarter two activities noted in the report – Planning and 106 agreements, Single Use Plastics, and Medium Term Financial Strategy update.

Councillors also discussed the importance of monitoring the Street Cleansing Service decision made at Full Council on 11 July 2018 acknowledging that they would chart progress on this at their quarterly performance meetings.

RESOLVED that the committee agree the key lines of inquiry proposed for the scrutiny work programme for the 2018/19 municipal year.

The reason for this decision was:

It is responsibility of members serving on the overview and scrutiny committee to set their own work programme for each municipal year at the annual meeting, whilst taking into account the advice of officers.

32. INVITATION TO LEAD MEMBERS 2018/19

The Chair proposed that lead members be invited to attend overview and scrutiny committee meetings in 2018/19.

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(The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:11pm)